

# Europes Transactions,

## DISCOVERED IN A DIALOGUE

BETWIXT

*Democritus an English-man, Ernestus a German, and Landerlin a French Monsieur.*

According to Order.

**Demo.** **T**IS high time for me to put on my considering Cap, and leave Laughing, for there are sad times, all Europe being as it were in a Flame.

**Ernestus.** Or rather in a dangerous Sickness, and (as the late King *James* said of *England*) Infected; but the Country (God be thanked) has had a Royal Antidote since: but of all *Germany*, more than any Country, labouring under a French Disease, now and then hot burning Fits, French Plagues, even disfiguring the finest Features (Cities and Castles, &c.) of all *Europe*. First *Heydelberg*, which being the Seat and Castle of the Electors of *Palatins*; where was a stately Seat, a famous University, and a stately Library: *Manheim*, the newest and regularst Place for Building (with the fine Castle *Fredricksbourg*) in *Germany*; *Keyserlauter*, and now *Spire*, a large ancient City, as is also *Worms*, (though both *Roman Catholic* Places) and *Oppenheim*. The poor People of *Worms* shelter'd themselves in Caves under the Earth, but the French *Barbets* drove them out with Cudgels, to others they sunk the Ground, and so buried some under Ground alive; and now we hear they have new Orders to Burn 18 Villages more thereabouts. At *Spire* they perswaded the People to bring their best Goods into the great Cathedral Church (under pretence that they had orders not to burn it) which when they had so done, they Stole and Plunder'd all; then Burnt the Cathedral, City, and all to the Ground, as also the Bishops Palace. The Bishop, Canons and Prebends of the said Cathedral a Foot, they drove before a Troop of Horse

as Prisoners of War to *London*; though the Bishop was esteem'd a Man of singular Piety, Age, and Noble Family; but the Bishop of *Worms* had a worse Fate than all that, for he hoping to preserve his Cathedral, went to lay high Mass at the Altar, exposing the Eucharist, thinking that the French would not prophane or commit sacrilege: but after the Soldiers had severely order'd him (though a Man of 80 Years of Age) they cast him and his Brethren God upon a Cart, and carried him Prisoner to *London*, to his Brother *Cardinal*. And now very lately they came to a place called *Leipsick*, in which place they had been drinking the day before, Plundered and Murdered all Men, Women and Children, and those in the very Cradle, Burning the Town to the Ground. At *Bransfort* they brought in three Incendiaries, which were sent out by the French to burn the Imperial Camp. And in *Upper Hungary*, at *Ternow*, they caught three of them which had set the Town a Fire (being sent out by *Teckley*, who doth no great matter since his Wounds at *Cladova*, or *Nova-grad*) but they gave them their due reward, cutting of each a Finger at 30 distant places in the Town afterwards cast them in those Flames alive, which they had kindled.

**Landerlin.** Po! Po! that is no chain, the King of *France* doth act by Maxime of Scare, he is a grand Monarch, and being in League with *Teckley* must lend him some of his Stokers, as well as he has done Money and Officers; he is doing, *Ala-Ricville*, *the Germanstad* and *Croonstad* (being the two chiefest Cities) and *Onish* in *Transylvania* are burnt to the Ground, and no Body knows who has done it.

*Democritus*

*Democritus.* Certainly, if ever there was a Tophet prepared for a King, *Louis XIV.* will have a great place there; and as the Woman said of her first husband, of his Loving Fire, so God grant me (I say which is Love) enough of it; but I hope the Duke of *Bourbon* and *Beverly*, &c. will stop his Proceedings, the former is called the *Rhine* with 7 Regiments, above *Colleda*, and they are followed by a great many more: 3000 Men from *Saluz* are on their March to join them, and all the Confederate Forces in the *Electorate of Collogn*, are the same way in a Motion, so that it is believed, they will Besiege *Dussel* and *Adon Royal*, both at once, which will give him employ another way.

*Londonly.* You are mistaken, we have News that the King de *France* has demanded 140000 Crowns of the Burgers and Citizens of *Adenx*; and that the *Waggon* is coming to fetch all the best *Rhenish* Wines away, and the great Cannon is already removing; and after the Burgers have given all they can by way of Contribution, the King de *France* will shew them his pretty French trick, to plunder their Houses, and burn the City to the Ground.

*Emphatic.* It is certainly confirmed, that there is such a horrible Order come out of *France*. That as soon as the *German* are pulled the *Rhine*, so *Adenx*, the the Electoral Seat; and the City *Dussel*, and all other Cities, Town, and Villages to *Strasbourg*. Nay, some doubt if *Strasbourg* itself will not be so served, if the Pope Nuncio can induce the *Romish* C. *Convent* to call off the *Nativity* for the Governor (Monsieur *Camille*) Wife is removing already her best Goods and Household Furnitures.

*Londonly.* The King de *France* is of that Fine and Policy, that he has already blinded them of *Swiss*, especially those of *Solothurn*, and *Sabaz* Cantons, that they have given Permission to raise 4000 Men, so that the *French* Pistol de-

out do the Canon of the *Patison*, and that shining Mental is more efficacious to those *Roman* Sufferers, than the Holy Fathers Admonition or Benediction.

*Democritus.* It is very true in many fine Cities and Towns laid in *Asies*, so that there is not so much as a token of any Building left in *Norfolk*, they threaten to burn the Suburbs of *Brussels*; but the Governor has a watchful Eye upon them, and has made a Declaration to all Governors, Mayors, and other Magistrates, to give their Aid and Assistance to all French Deserters, promising 2 Ducatons to every Trooper, and a Market Price for each Horse, and to every Foot, or Dismounted Dragoon half a Ducaton, exhorting all Subjects belonging to the Empire, to leave the French Service, according to the Imperial *Advocatoria*, wherein they are declared Traitors that shall Enrolle on that Service. We hear they Desert in great Numbers, 20 and 30 at a Time, there being an Officer from King *William*, who in a short time Lifted 300 Men, most *Swiss* and *German*, giving them 8d. a Day. We hear from *Flanders*, that a Party of Lieutenant General *Calais* Horse, came to a place, called *Cochain*, near *Gant*, where they committed several Outrages, amongst others, they entered into a Carpenters House, where there was a poor Old and Lame Chirurgeon, called *Robert Smith*, whom they bid to abjure his Allegiance from the King of *Spain*, under whom he had served 12 Years, and swear for *Louis XIV.* which he denying, said, he was but for one God, and one King, upon which they laid him before a great Fire raked, roasting him, and he still remaining constant, turnd him, and so made a perfect *Lawrence* of him, he dying in less than half an Hour after. They write from *Flanders*, that the *Dutch* and *English* had sunk 7 Vessels with Stones and Gravel, before the Haven of *Dunkirk*, which hinders them from going out or in.

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